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For: **Method For Preparing Water-Insoluble  $\alpha$ -1,4-Glucans**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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A1 This application is a continuation of International Application Number PCT/EP99/04199, filed  
17 June 1999, which in turn claims priority from German Patent Application No. 198 27 978.1, filed  
24 June 1998, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

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--**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

N.E. An in-vitro method for producing water-insoluble  $\alpha$ -1,4-glucan is described, wherein  
saccharose is reacted in a buffer-free system using an amylosaccharase.--